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Dear Nebraska Farmers, Ranchers and Agribusinesses:

The following narrative and tables are from recently published reports by USDA's Agricultural Statistics Board. These data are direct results of information provided by Nebraska producers and agribusinesses to the surveys conducted each month by this office. Thank you for your response to these surveys.

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Nebraska Cattle on Feed Up 6 Percent

Nebraska feedlots with capacities of 1,000 or more head contained 2.32 million cattle on feed on May 1, up 6 percent from last year and 10 percent above May 1, 2004. This was the largest May 1 inventory since the data set began in 1994. Placements of cattle into feedlots during April totaled 320,000 head, the same as the previous two years. Marketings of fed cattle during April totaled 390,000 head, up 3 percent from last year but 7 percent below two years ago. Other disappearance during April totaled 10,000 head, the same as April 2005 and 2004.

U.S. Cattle on Feed Up 9 Percent

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.6 million head on May 1, 2006. The inventory was 9 percent above last year and 11 percent above May 1, 2004. This was the highest May 1 inventory since the series began in 1996. Placements in feedlots during April totaled 1.63 million, 2 percent below 2005 but 2 percent above 2004. Marketings of fed cattle during April totaled 1.79 million, down slightly from 2005 and 5 percent below 2004. Other disappearance totaled 87,000 during April, 4 percent below 2005 and 10 percent below 2004.

Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, Placements, Marketings and Other Disappearance, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots, by Month, State, and United States, 2005-2006

State	May 1 Number on Feed ¹			April Placements			April Marketings			April Other Disappearance ²		
	2005	2006	<u>2006</u> 2005	2005	2006	<u>2006</u> 2005	2005	2006	<u>2006</u> 2005	2005	2006	<u>2006</u> 2005
	1,000 Head	Percent		1,000 Head	Percent		1,000 Head	Percent		1,000 Head	Percent	
Arizona	330	346	105	31	27	87	24	23	96	3	9	300
California	500	530	106	64	60	94	59	60	102	5	5	100
Colorado	970	1,060	109	120	140	117	150	140	93	20	10	50
Idaho	240	245	102	39	31	79	37	34	92	2	2	100
Iowa	455	495	109	55	64	116	53	66	125	2	3	150
Kansas	2,260	2,530	112	375	375	100	425	410	96	30	25	83
Nebraska	2,190	2,320	106	320	320	100	380	390	103	10	10	100
New Mexico	114	132	116	19	18	95	16	24	150	2	1	50
Oklahoma	305	340	111	52	48	92	70	66	94	2	2	100
So. Dakota	200	200	100	27	28	104	31	35	113	1	3	300
Texas	2,630	2,910	111	500	455	91	480	470	98	10	15	150
Washington	147	152	103	19	23	121	30	22	73	1	1	100
Other States	300	300	100	39	40	103	46	54	117	3	1	33
United States	10,641	11,560	109	1,660	1,629	98	1,801	1,794	100	91	87	96

¹Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

²Includes death losses, movement from feedlots to pastures and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

Source: USDA NASS Cattle on Feed, May 19, 2006

2006 Wheat Production Down 9 Percent from Last Year

Based on May 1 conditions, Nebraska's 2006 winter wheat crop is forecast at 62.7 million bushels, down 9 percent from last year's crop. Average yield is forecast at 38 bushels per acre, down 1 bushel from last year and the ten-year average.

Acreage to be harvested for grain is estimated at 1.65 million acres, down 110,000 acres or 6 percent from last year. This would be 94 percent of the planted acres, compared to

95 percent last year and the ten-year average 93 percent. As of April 30, soil moisture supplies were below a year ago but above the 5-year average level.

May 1 Hay Stocks Down from Last Year

May 1 hay stocks of 1.07 million tons are down 26 percent from last year and 11 percent below the ten-year average. Winter storms and increased cattle inventories have reduced current supplies.

Winter Wheat and Hay Stocks: Comparative Data, Nebraska and United States, 2004-2006

Classification		Nebraska			United States		
		2004	2005	2006 ¹	2004	2005	2006 ¹
Winter Wheat							
Harvested for Grain ²	Percent	89.2	95.1	94.3	79.5	83.6	75.3
For harvest	1,000 Acres	1,650	1,760	1,650	34,462	33,794	31,177
Yield	Bushels	37.0	39.0	38.0	43.5	44.4	42.4
Production	1,000 Bushels	61,050	68,640	62,700	1,499,434	1,499,129	1,322,831
All Hay Farm Stocks	1,000 Tons	1,596	1,440	1,070	25,947	27,758	21,315

¹ Winter wheat forecasted May 1, 2006. ² Percent of seeded acreage.

Source: USDA NASS Crop Production, May 12, 2006

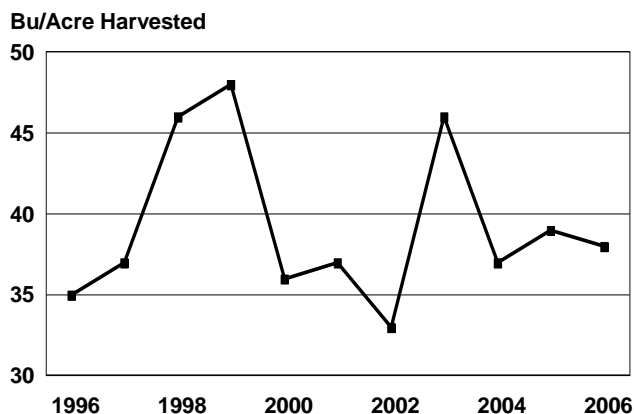
Winter Wheat: Area Harvested, Yield and Production, Selected States and United States, 2005-2006

State	Acres Harvested		Yield		Production	
	2005	2006 ¹	2005	2006 ¹	2005	2006 ¹
	<i>1,000 Acres</i>		<i>Bushels</i>		<i>1,000 Bushels</i>	
Colorado	2,200	2,000	24.0	27.0	52,800	54,000
Kansas	9,500	9,400	40.0	34.0	380,000	319,600
Missouri	540	870	54.0	53.0	29,160	46,110
Montana	2,100	1,950	45.0	42.0	94,500	81,900
Nebraska	1,760	1,650	39.0	38.0	68,640	62,700
Oklahoma	4,000	3,100	32.0	22.0	128,000	68,200
South Dakota	1,490	1,250	44.0	45.0	65,560	56,250
Texas	3,000	1,300	32.0	27.0	96,000	35,100
Washington	1,800	1,800	67.0	68.0	120,600	122,400
United States	33,794	31,177	44.4	42.4	1,499,129	1,322,831

¹ Forecasted May 1, 2006.

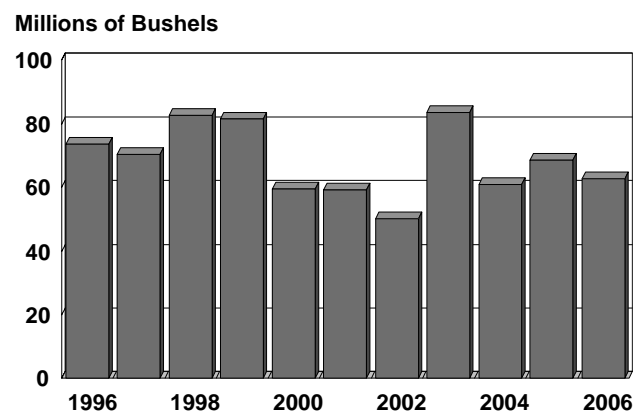
Source: USDA NASS Crop Production, May 12, 2006

NEBRASKA WHEAT YIELD May 1, 2006 Forecast



Source: USDA NASS Nebraska Field Office, May 1, 2006

NEBRASKA WHEAT PRODUCTION May 1, 2006 Forecast



Source: USDA NASS Nebraska Field Office, May 12, 2006

U.S. Grains Supply and Disappearance Outlook

Crop Year	Supply				Market Year Disappearance ¹				Market Year Ending Stocks	Average Market Price
	Pro- duction	Begin- ning stocks	Im- ports	Total	Domestic		Ex- ports	Total		
					Primary Use ²	Other				
Million Bushels										\$/Bu.
Corn										
2004/05	11,807	958	11	12,776	6,162	2,686	1,814	10,662	2,114	2.06
2005/06	11,112	2,114	10	13,236	6,000	2,985	2,025	11,010	2,226	1.95-2.05
2006/07 ³	10,550	2,226	10	12,786	5,950	3,545	2,150	11,645	1,141	2.25-2.65
Soybeans										
2004/05	3,124	112	6	3,242	1,696	187	1,103	2,986	256	5.74
2005/06	3,086	256	4	3,346	1,720	162	900	2,782	565	5.65
2006/07 ³	3,080	565	4	3,649	1,750	159	1,090	2,999	650	5.10-6.10
Wheat										
2004/05	2,158	546	71	2,775	905	268	1,063	2,235	540	3.40
2005/06	2,105	540	80	2,725	910	268	1,000	2,178	547	3.42
2006/07 ³	1,873	547	95	2,515	915	253	900	2,068	447	3.50-4.10
Sorghum										
2004/05	454	34	0	487	191	55	184	430	57	1.79
2005/06	394	57	0	451	150	55	195	400	51	1.70-1.80
2006/07 ³	360	51	0	411	120	60	185	365	46	2.05-2.45

¹ Marketing year begins: Corn, Sorghum & Soybeans, September 1; Wheat, June 1. ² Primary uses: Corn & Sorghum = Feed; Soybeans = Crushing; Wheat = Food. ³ Projection.

Source: USDA's World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates, May 12, 2006

Fall Potatoes: 2005 Production and May 1, 2006 Stocks¹

State	Crop of 2005	
	Production	Total Stocks May 1, 2006 ²
	<i>1,000 Cwt.</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>
California	3,240	400
Colorado	22,292	4,300
Idaho	116,975	30,000
Maine	15,736	4,600
Michigan	13,920	900
Minnesota	17,630	2,700
Montana	3,434	
Nebraska	8,245	1,200
New York	5,226	
North Dakota	20,500	2,800
Ohio ³		
Oregon	22,023	5,000
Pennsylvania ³		
Washington	95,480	17,000
Wisconsin	27,880	3,700
Other States		350
Total 15 States	372,581	72,950

¹ Stocks include processor holdings and most of the seed to plant following year's crops. ² Missing stocks combined into "Other States". ³ Stock estimates discontinued for the 2005 crop.

Source: USDA NASS Potato Stocks, May 16, 2006

Stocks in Cold Storage: By Commodity, United States, April 2006 with Comparisons

Commodity	Stocks 1,000 lbs.	Percent of	
		April 2005	March 2006
Total red meats	963,614	106	102
Beef	429,066	130	101
Pork	516,260	92	103
Poultry	1,279,256	113	102
Turkey	430,123	98	113

Source: USDA NASS Cold Storage, May 19, 2006

2006 Midyear Surveys

Interviewers will begin visiting and telephoning producers May 27. These midyear surveys are the basis for the official USDA statistics on planted area, grain and oilseeds stored, and hog inventories.

If contacted, please take a few minutes to respond by mail, internet or phone. Your response ensures accurate official USDA statistics. Individual information is kept strictly confidential, by law.

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USDA RELEASE DATES

Jun 30, 2:00 pm CST Quarterly Hogs & Pigs
Jun 30, 7:30 am CST Acreage
Jun 30, 7:30 am CST Grain Stocks

*Survey results will be available on the Internet at
<http://www.nass.usda.gov> within minutes after the
release.*

Milk Cows and Production: By Month, 23 Selected States , 2005-2006¹

Month	Milk Cows ²		Milk per Cow ³		Milk Production ³		
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2006 as % of 2005
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Million pounds</i>	<i>Million pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>
January	8,087	8,195	1,643	1,710	13,287	14,014	105
February	8,084	8,206	1,522	1,587	12,301	13,022	106
March	8,099	8,228	1,707	1,775	13,825	14,604	106
April	8,117	8,241	1,690	1,727	13,717	14,230	104
May	8,131		1,760		14,311		
June	8,138		1,690		13,755		
July	8,151		1,683		13,715		
August	8,162		1,671		13,640		
September	8,167		1,599		13,057		
October	8,168		1,637		13,373		
November	8,167		1,592		13,002		
December	8,179		1,663		13,599		
Annual	8,138		19,857		161,582		

¹ 2006 revised. ² Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. ³ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

Source: USDA NASS Milk Production, May 17, 2006

Milk Production and Value: Nebraska and United States, 2004-2005

Year	Number of Milk Cows ¹	Production of Milk and Milkfat ²					Total Utilized on Farms	Sold to Plants & Dealers		
		Per Milk Cow		Percent of Fat in Milk	Total Production			Sold	Price per 100 lbs.	Receipts from Marketings
		Milk	Milkfat		Milk	Milkfat				
Thousand		Pounds		Percent	Million Pounds			Dollars	1,000 Dollars	
Nebraska										
2004 ³	61	17,197	635	3.69	1,049	38.7	11	1,038	16.20	168,156
2005	60	17,950	661	3.68	1,077	39.6	11	1,066	15.40	164,164
United States										
2004 ³	9,012	18,967	696	3.67	170,934	6,269.8	1,103	169,830	16.13	27,386,588
2005	9,041	19,576	716	3.66	176,989	6,482.4	1,077	175,912	15.20	26,737,882

¹ Average number during year, excluding heifers not yet fresh. ² Excludes milk sucked by calves. ³ Revised.

Source: USDA NASS Milk Production, Disposition and Income 2005 Summary, April 2006.

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